



**Halloween Trick-Or-Treat Hours in York County to Be 6 to 8 p.m.
On Tuesday, Oct. 31; York – Poquoson Sheriff's Office and the
Fire and Life Safety Department Offers Safety Tips**

Yorktown, Oct. 12--Hours for trick-or-treating in York County will be **6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** on Halloween, **Tuesday, Oct. 31**. Children age 12 or younger may trick-or-treat and should be accompanied by an adult. Residents are asked to turn on porch lights to identify homes that wish to receive trick-or-treaters.

To ensure a safe Halloween experience, the York - Poquoson Sheriff's Office and the Department of Fire and Life Safety recommend the following safety tips:

- Use facial makeup on your child's face. Plastic or rubber masks can impair vision. However, if masks are worn, advise children to lift their masks while traveling from house to house. Remind children to be careful to watch for traffic and to use their flashlight to avoid tripping.
- Make sure costumes and shoes fit properly to avoid tripping hazards.
- Purchase Halloween costumes (including wigs, capes and props) that feature a "flame-resistant" or "flame-retardant" label.
- Bright and/or light-colored costumes are easier to see at night.
- Carry a flashlight or light-stick, and attach "glow-in-the-dark" items or reflective tape to the front and back of children's costumes. (Aluminum foil is reflective!) Make sure they can see and be seen.
- An adult should accompany younger children. Older children not accompanied by an adult should travel in groups of at least three. Plan an itinerary and set a time for children to return home.
- Avoid houses where porch lights are off.
- Do not allow children to accept unwrapped candy or fruit, and check all treats before allowing children to eat them. Any suspicious candy should be reported to the Sheriff's Office as soon as possible.

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Halloween Safety Tips

- Keep children away from candles and other flame sources, especially when in costume. Advise children to stay away from jack-o-lanterns with candles and all open flames and heat sources. Be sure children know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothes ever do catch fire. (Stop immediately, drop to the ground covering the face with hands if appropriate, and roll over and over to extinguish the flames.)
- Keep your jack-o-lanterns away from landings or doorways where costumes could brush against the candle flame. For added safety, consider using a glow stick or battery powered light instead of candles.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks, hay, and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and all decorations away from all open flames and heat sources.
- Keep all exits (doors and windows) clear of decorations to ensure that nothing blocks escape routes.
- If your child is attending a party or sleepover at someone else's home, instruct them to locate the exits and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

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